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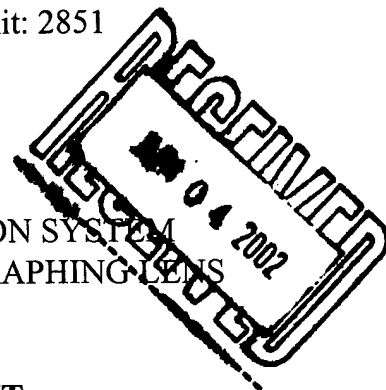
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For : CAMERA SYSTEM HAVING A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM
BETWEEN A CAMERA BODY AND A PHOTOGRAPHING LENS



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 4,841,322 to KAWASAKI et al., issued on June 20, 1989;

U.S. Patent No. 4,974,004 to KAWASAKI et al., issued on November 27, 1990;

U.S. Patent No. 5,068,680 to KAWASAKI et al., issued on November 26, 1991;

U.S. Patent No. 5,166,717 to KAWASAKI et al., issued on November 24, 1992;

U.S. Patent No. 5,170,200 to KAWASAKI et al., issued on December 8, 1992;

U.S. Patent No. 5,170,203 to KAWASAKI et al., issued on December 8, 1992;

U.S. Patent No. 5,181,000 to KAWASAKI et al., issued on January 19, 1993;

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U.S. Patent No. 5,182,591 to KAWASAKI et al., issued on January 26, 1993;
U.S. Patent No. 5,223,877 to KAWASAKI et al., issued on June 29, 1993;
U.S. Patent No. 5,227,832 to KAWASAKI et al., issued on July 13, 1993;
U.S. Patent No. 5,255,046 to KAWASAKI et al., issued on October 19, 1993;
U.S. Patent No. 5,355,192 to KAWASAKI et al., issued on October 11, 1994;
U.S. Patent No. 5,416,555 to KAWASAKI et al., issued on May 16, 1995;
U.S. Patent No. 5,432,584 to SUZUKI et al., issued on July 11, 1995;
U.S. Patent No. 5,505,535 to KAWASAKI et al., issued on April 9, 1996;
U.S. Patent No. 5,664,234 to KAWASAKI et al., issued on September 2, 1997;
U.S. Patent No. 5,713,052 to KAWASAKI et al., issued on January 27, 1998;
U.S. Patent No. 6,341,902 to SATO et al., issued on January 29, 2002; and
Japanese document HEI 5-66450, along with counterpart U.S. Patent No. 5,845,156
to ONUKI, which issued on December 1, 1998.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

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Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending and commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/075,242 to UENAKA, entitled "Power Controller of a Camera Having an Interchangeable Lens", which was filed on February 15, 2002;

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/075,248 to UENAKA et al., entitled "Camera System Having a Communication System Between a Camera Body and a Photographing Lens", which was filed on February 15, 2002; and

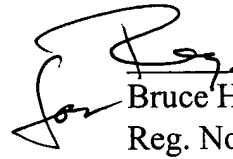
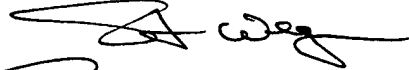
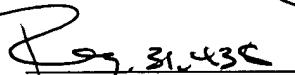
U.S. Patent Application No. 10/083,619 to UENAKA et al., entitled "Camera System Having a Communication System Between a Camera Body and a Photographing Lens", which was filed on February 27, 2002.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent applications at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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